(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While no general study has been got conducted so far, the high level of advertising support for programmes on the Metro Channel is indicative of its growing popularity.

Telecasting by Bhopal Doordarshan

537. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 18th October, 1993, Bhopal Doordarshan Kendra, telecast a programme in a naked woman, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard and punishment awarded to such officials who were found responsible for this, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. Ten visual was part of an item on an operation carried out in a local hospital of Bhopal recorded by the Doordarshan Kendra with the co-operation of surgeon and included in the regional news bulletin telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal on 18th October, 1993.

(b) and (c) The officials connected with the telecast have been cautioned to ensure that programmes conform to guidelines regarding modesty and decency.

Evil effects of satellite television

538. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI G. G. SWELL:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India (ND) dated 15th November, 1993 under the caption "Schools, parents search for antidote to satellite television" highlighting the evil effects of viewing satellite television by children; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to check the adverse impact of satellite television on children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): Yes, Sir.

(b) Regulation of the exposure of children to satellite television can only be undertaken by their parents/guardians and not by the Government.

Separate channels of Doordarshan for Regional Languages

539. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government opened recently separate Channels of Doordarshan for regional languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the public having T.V. sets with the normal antennae are able to get the programmes of those new channels; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to take in the matter for the benefit of T.V. viewers interested in these programmes?